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"Teddy" Roosevelt couldn't get the colored vote as candidate for dog catcher. If he runs again he hopes to get the Southern vote, but no man if his kind can ever win the voting South's confidence. To get the Southern vote, Daniel Webster betrayed the cause of freedom as Teddy has the negroes.

HON. EDWARD L. HUTCHISON.

Candidate for Councilman from the Eighth ward, is so well known that he needs no introduction. His services to that ward as Councilman are fresh in the minds of the voters, and his election is almost certain. He is a broad, progressive young man, well acquainted with the needs of this great and growing municipality. In this contest Mr. Hutchison will have the united support of the colored voters, they being thoroughly disgusted with "stinkout" Healy and his kind of Republicans. We trust that every colored voter in that ward will turn out December 4th and devote one day to the undoing of "stinkout" Healy and the election of Hon. Edward L. Hutchison.

MR. HARPER WILL GET THE COLORED VOTE.

The colored votes of this city will be cast for Hon. Arthur C. Harper because they want a square deal in the public service. And they know that their only assurance of getting a square deal depends upon the election of Mr. Harper. Every colored man in the service of the city today owes his appointment to ex-Mayor M. P. Snyder, a Southern Democrat, and Mr. Snyder was backed by the Hon. A. C. Harper from start to finish. Remove from the public service today the colored men who owe their appointments to Democratic influence and you have nothing left. Who made Randolph, Glen and Stevens policemen? Go to the fire department and ask our stalwart young men who put them there—Snyder, Snyder! will be the cheerful shout. Go to the street department and the parks and ask our men how came they there. When Rev. C. H. Anderson's son was dismissed from the fire department on the Rooseveltian plan, who restored him to his place? M. P. Snyder, the Democrat who had Harper's backing. Where are the colored men appointed by Fred Eaton when he was mayor? He was a Republican and ran on the record of the saintly Lincoln, having nothing else to run on. He promised the colored voters everything, but when elected not only gave them nothing, but took from them every job they held that he could get hold of. Where are Eaton's colored appointees? Echo answers "where?" Trot out your colored men appointed by the present Republican mayor, the Hon. Owen McAleer. He also ran on Lincoln's record.

JUDGE THE TREE BY THE FRUIT IT BEARS,

says that grand old book of books. Judged by that holy standard, how many intelligent colored voters could cast their votes for the Republican city ticket?. That's why the three or four hirelings that have sold the Afro-American council to Dr. Lindley are out in a circular asking the colored voters to support the Republican ticket, because Lincoln was a Republican. The use of Lincoln's name by such a vile gang is not only an insult to humanity's saintly dead, but an insult to every intelligent race-loving negro in the city. **Instead of kicking honorable negro soldiers out of the army, without honor and pay for long and honorable service to the country, Lincoln threw wide the door of the army to every patriotic negro who was willing to defend the flag.**

In this city campaign Lincoln is not running for mayor; he would not accept a nomination from the gang that is disgracing the grand old party, that has long since been killed by renegades like Roosevelt and negro-hating office-seekers. The colored voters will vote for Hon. A. C. Harper because his election means a business administration in which all citizens will be treated alike in the distribution of public patronage. The colored voters want a square deal and will help to elect Mr. Harper mayor so as to make it certain.

NEGROES ARE NOT FOOLS.

Have the Republicans of this city given the negroes a square deal? If not, why not? How many clerkships have they given the negroes in the City Hall? What positions have they given the negroes in recognition of their slavish support of the party? The negro voters are entitled to at least two permanent clerkships in the City Hall. Have they got them? Why not? Why haven't the negroes been given permanent clerkships at the court-house? Under the rule of the Republicans at the court-house and City Hall, what have the colored voters got anyway? The negroes are not fools. They know that there is no politics in local city elections; the question is one of men and fitness. The question with the colored voter is, which of the candidates will give them the greatest recognition after the election? If the future is to be judged by the past, Harper is the man. The ballot of every colored voter who wants a square deal must read

For Mayor—ARTHUR C. HARPER. (X)

THEIR RACE PROVIDES HELP FOR ALL DISCHARGED.

Three Companies Will Be Taken to Chicago, Philadelphia and New York for Exhibition—Mass Meeting Is Called and President Will Be Urged to Reopen Case.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 22.—Early this morning at Fort Sam Houston, the negro soldiers who are charged by the people of Brownsville with murder and rioting, were dismissed from the service by Col. George Leroy, commanding the post.

The negroes immediately left the reservation, avoiding curious little groups of early visitors who were watching the proceedings.

Assistance Is Offered.

New York, Nov. 22.—The three companies of negro troops discharged from the United States army by order of President Roosevelt will be taken to Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, according to a plan announced here today. The movement is said to have been started by the citizens of the three cities.

According to this plan the former soldiers will be clothed and cared for by the committees and employment eventually found, and plans have been made so that any person who is interested in the case and who desires to hear the soldiers' side of the story will have access to the men. At present the soldiers are at Fort Reno.

The negro pastors and other leaders of their race here have determined to hold a mass meeting at Cooper Union on December 1, at which distinguished white and colored men are to speak. A large delegation of ministers, with lawyers who have been retained on behalf of the negro soldiers, is to visit President Roosevelt on Monday at Washington and urge him to reopen the case.

Councilman Healy Builds a Privy at Rev. J. L. Trimble's Door.

Of all methods adopted by negro-hating white folks to drive negroes out of a community, the one adopted by Councilman Healy, Republican candidate for re-election from the Eighth ward, promises to be quite a success. Rev. Trimble is an intelligent industrious, law abiding citizen of the Eighth ward, owning his own home, which happens to be near that of Councilman Healy. Now Mr. Healy is a good Republican, but has no use for the negro after getting his vote. Rev. Trimble, who had been voting for Healy, made the mistake of becoming Healy's neighbor—bought the next door cottage. Healy hit upon the novel plan to stinking his colored neighbor and respectable minister out. Selecting a spot on his line right in front of Rev. Trimble's door, Healy built his privy. Coupled with the stink and disagreeable noise that eminates from the place when it is inhabited, it makes the lives of the inmates of the Trimble home anything but a glad, sweet song. Rev. Trimble apealed for relief to the City Council and Board of Health, but these departments, like Healy, are Republican.

What Trimble should do now is to aid in bringing about Healy's defeat.

Hon. Edward L. Hutchison, Healy's opponent, is a gentleman too nigh tone to stoop to such a measly, dirty trick. A man like Healy is too small to sit in the council of a great city like Los Angeles. Fall in behind Hutchison and make the defeat of "stink-out" Healy the battle-cry.

A Negro on the Chicago Bench.

Ferdinand L. Barnett is a Negro lawyer of Chicago. He has served acceptably several years as an assistant State's attorney. At the recent election he stood as a Republican candidate for a municipal court judgeship, and no question of his integrity was raised. But his name was scratched by thousands of Republican voters. He came near failing of election, but he was elected. And then from the newspapers of his own party there arose a demand upon him for his resignation—not for unfitness, but because he is a Negro. He had been nominated in order to hold the Negro vote for Republican white men; but his party did not intend that he himself should be elected. They wanted the Negro vote, but they did not want a Negro judge. They had calculated that he would run behind his ticket and be defeated; and so he would have been but for the Independence League. This took away from the Democrats so many votes that Mr. Barnett, although far behind in the Republican column in consequence of Republican antipathy to the Negro, was nevertheless ahead of the strongest Democrat. And now the Republican leaders of Chicago are so much embarrassed that they urge Mr. Barnett to resign. Why? There is no reason for it except race prejudice.—The Public (white).

Three Afro-Americans Elected.

Chicago, Ill.—At the recent election Mr. Oscar DePriest was re-elected county commissioner, Dr. Alexander Lane was elected a member of the legislature, and F. L. Barnett, Esq., assistant state's attorney, was elected a municipal judge for two years. Mr. Barnett said a few days ago: "When, after the cases are assigned, I find that anybody has a distinct prejudice agains being tried by a Negro I shall grant him a change of venue," he said. It merely is a question of race prejudice, and I don't blame anybody for such feelings, as I don't suppose that they can help them. I do not believe, however, that such feelings should interfere with me in the discharge of my duties. A negro or a white person will get justice in my court the same as he would elsewhere."

MR. M. T. COLLINS,

Non-partisan candidate for Council from the Ninth Ward, is a friend of the colored people and merits their support. Two years ago, while conducting Mr. Handley's campaign, he pledged the colored people in the event of his (Handley's) election they would have representation. That pledge was kept and sixteen colored men were given places in the street department. Mr. Collins has served the city as councilman, police commissioner and on the board of health. There being no politics in the present city election the colored voters will scan their tickets and vote only for their friends. Mr. Collins has proven himself to be one of them. Vote for him.

DEMOCRATIC CITY TICKET.

Mayor—A. C. Harper.
City Clerk—H. J. Lelande.
City Attorney—Leslie Hewitt.
City Treasurer—C. H. Hance.
City Tax Collector—John H. Welsh.
City Assessor—Walter Mallard.
City Auditor—W. C. Mushet.

Mr. Henry Lyons, Republican Candidate for Councilman From the Seventh Ward.

Mr. Henry Lyons, Republican candidate for councilman from the Seventh ward, is well known and popular with the colored voters. It is an assured fact that Mr. Lyons will have the united support of the colored voters because they know that their interests will be looked after and protected by him. If the personnel of our Council was composed of men like him, much of the prejudice and petty discriminations to which we are now subjected would disappear from our midst. It is a very important matter for us to have men in the council who will give our applications for appointment on the police, fire and other departments of the city the same consideration that is accorded the requests from members of other races. We advocate the election of Mr. Lyons because we know from a long personal acquaintance that he is the kind of material we need in the Council.

President Roosevelt Flayed. His Arbitrary Action is everywhere Condemned.

Negro Honor and Army Disgrace.

In degrading a whole Negro battalion in the army because some of its members were criminal and disorderly and some others refused to volunteer testimony against them, President Roosevelt has done an unjust thing. We are not especially concerned about it, because the more the autocratic character of army life over private soldiers is disclosed and the less army degradation comes to be regarded as real degradation the better. But here is an interesting case. Such members of the battalion as knew of the alleged crime would have been forced to testify as witnesses; but what the president demanded was that they should trot up to headquarters and volunteer tales which, if volunteered by one commissioned officer with reference to another not under his command, would have brought him into contempt. And because some members of the battalion who may have known did not tell, President Roosevelt dismisses the whole battalion in disgrace. These Negroes are to be congratulated upon being put out of the man-killing trade, but President Roosevelt is hardly to be congratulated upon his ideas of fair play as exemplified in this case.—Chicago Public.

The President's action in dismissing a battalion of negro troops without trial, because they refused to furnish material for rioting and mob violence was an act of injustice which would make the czar of Russia envious of the reputation he has made for inhuman treatment of helpless subjects. It has called forth a storm of indignant protests from all lovers of fair play, regardless of race or color. By endorsing the recommendation made by Inspector General Garlington after an investigation which was a farce, and himself a Southern man, he having been born in South Carolina and apopinted from Georgia, President Roosevelt has clasped the hand of the treacherous South, for which he has been reaching ever since his election to the presidency. He has by this act dethroned himself from the pedestal of statesmanship to which popular sentiment had elevated him and has proven that his proper sphere is with other mob sympathizers and politicians, cunning, unscrupulous and dangerous. This action of the President has a far more pernicious effect upon the future destiny of the negro race in America than all the adverse criticism and blatant utterances of Brice, Hoke Smith, Vardeman and Tillman. We are told that there is no higher court of appeal, that Congress cannot remove their disabilities, and yet Congress could and did remove the disabilities of traitors who fought to destroy the Union to which these black heroes have given the best years of their lives to preserve and hold intact. By this action of the President, and by the acquiescent silence of the government at Washington as it views the barbarities practiced upon them by their Southern oppressors, the Negro is made to feel that the party of which Theodore Roosevelt is the dictator is but a phantom of the party of Lincoln, of Lovejoy, of Wendell Phillips and Chas. Sumner.

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DECLINES TO ACT.

Dunne Turns Down Tillman.

Hears Protests of Chicago Negroes and Will "Stay Away"—Race Sentiments of Southern Senator Are Proved to the Mayor—Will Refuse to Preside at the Meeting to Be Held Next Wednesday.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Mayor Dunne has decided that he cannot in his official capacity endorse the sentiments on the race question expressed by Senator Benjamin Tillman in his speeches before the Senate, and will today decline to preside at the Music Hall meeting Wednesday night.

The Mayor will address a letter to the chairman of the committee declining to act.

A committee of negroes waited on the Mayor today and presented to him excerpts of speeches made by Tillman, in which the Senator said that "gun rule must prevail in the South until the negro should change." The Mayor's action was based on these representations.

Asks for Proof.

When the first protest from the negroes came to the Mayor beseeching him to prevent the Senator from South Carolina from delivering a lecture, or refusing to preside at the affair unless the race question was eliminated from his speech, he refused unless they could present him with bona-fide evidence that Senator Tillman was antagonistic to their race.

Yesterday afternoon a committee of negroes headed by Rev. J. A. Carey of Bethel Church called upon the Mayor and told him that they were prepared to furnish him the evidence substantiating their statements. The following evidence was given the Mayor in part:

Tillman's Utterances.

"On July 30, 1898, in a speech in the United States Senate on the "Annexation of the Philippines, Porto Rico and Cuba,' Senator Tillman unmercifully scored the negro, declaring that the negro and white man never were equal and that the negro had no rights which a white man is bound to respect.

"On August 4, 1901, in an address at Marinette, Wis., he delivered a speech in which he upheld and advocated the mob, lynch law and shot-gun policy for black men, women and children.

"July 14, 1902, in a speech before the United States Senate on the 'Phinippine Civil Government Bill,' he gloated over the fact that whites residing in Mississippi, South Carolina and in other Southern States, resorted to the shotgun policy in order to suppress the negro vote and to maintain the supremacy of the whites."

The committee in charge declares the meeting will be held in spite of all protests.

FOR THE COLORED TROOPS.

Mass Meeting for New York and Ministers and Lawyers to Agitate at Washington.

New York, Nov. 25.—A mass meeting to voice a demand that Congress make a full investigation of the dismissal from the army of the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, is scheduled to be held at Cooper Union Hall in New York City next Thursday.

Some time during the week, a large delegation of ministers, with lawyers who have been retained on behalf of the negro soldiers, will visit the President at Washington, and urge him to reopen the case.

COLORED WOMAN'S ASSAILANT WHITE.

Planter Given Life Term in Prison for His Crime.

DeKalb, Miss., Nov. 8.—W. T. Boyd, a white planter, was convicted in the Circuit Court today of criminal assault on Mandy Watkins, colored, and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Counsel for both sides agreed on this form of punishment, and no appeal will be taken.

COLORED JUDGE UNSEATED.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Ferdinand L. Barnet, the negro assistant State's Attorney, who, according to police returns, was elected judge of the municipal court at the recent election, has been unseated by the canvassing board. The police returns gave Barnett a plurality of 499, but the official count today shows that Thomas Blantly, Democrat, was elected by a plurality of 504. Barnett was the only Republican defeated for a city office.

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THE NON PARTISAN TICKET.

The movement to put a non-partisan county and city ticket in the field this fall is a good one and cannot fail of success. The voters are awaiting an opportunity to get rid of the present Republican machine. There are a few good men on the machine's ticket that got on in spite of it. These the non-partisan ticket will not harm. Unless the voters take advantage of the present opportunity to smash the machine, the Outfall sewer gang, Federal brigade and race track gamblers will make them pay dearly for their negligence. The opportunity for the colored voters to get the recognition due them has come. Will they let it slip? Will they barter it for a promised mess of pottage as they have done continually in the past?

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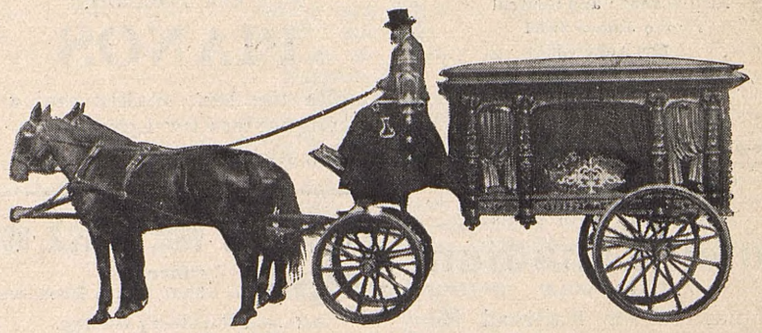

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One of the saddest things connected with the present campaign is the fact that Jim Alexander and a few gimlet-headed little negroes are making some fool Republicans believe that the negroes can be kept in line by telling them that Lincoln was a Republican. Looking at the negro from Alexander's standpoint as a leader, it is no wonder that the Republicans of this city have no respect for the colored voters. His last circular is a vote maker for Harper. All it holds out for the negro in the event of Lindley's elections is the pleasure he can get from knowing that Lincoln was a Republican.

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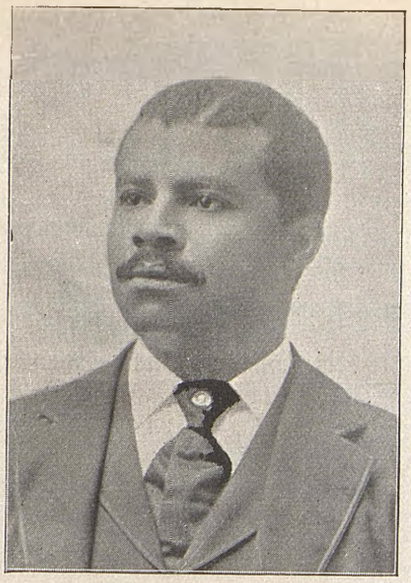

MR. C. C. FLINT.

The announcement of whose marriage to Mr. C. C. Flint, our popular colored grocer, has just been made, is a native of Richmond, Mo. Miss Jacobs is an acknowledged leader of her set. Her intelligence and charming personality are such as to make her a valuable acquisition to our community. Miss Jacobs has rendered the race valuable service as a teacher in Missouri and Kansas. The prospective bridegroom is a race leader, and one of the most successful colored grocers west of the Rocky Mountains. He is a man of broad and progressive ideas and endowed with indomitable energy. As a leader he has rendered the race in this city signal service. He stands for political independence. The adoption of his ideas along this line is made more evident at each recurring election. For more than twenty years he has been identified with every movement for the advancement of the interests of our race in this section. He has the best wishes of the entire community.

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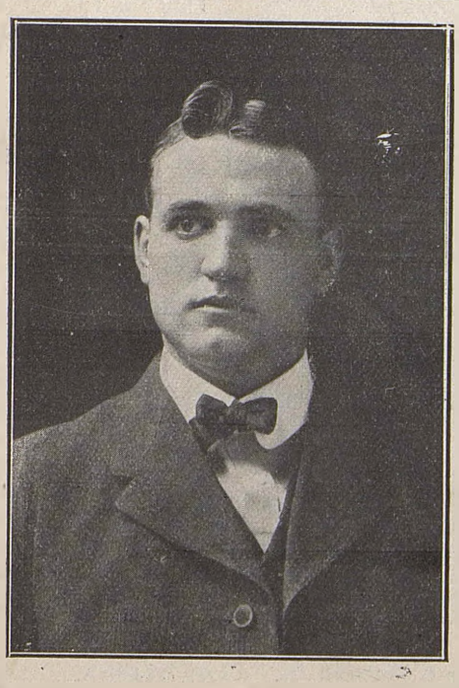

HOW TO VOTE.

If you want your vote counted do not put your stamp in the circle, but stamp thus (X) opposite the name of Arthur C. Harper first, and then opposite the name of every other person for whom you desire to vote.

Hon. Evan Lewis, candidate for City Assessor on the Republican ticket, should receive the united colored vote. He gave the race a permanent clerkship in the appointment of Mr. Jacobs, now deceased. In spite of the fact that he has made a good officer, the Times, Dr. Lindley's most ardent supporter, backed by other Republican Lindley men, are trying to defeat him. The Liberator wants him reelected because of his fitness and recognition of the colored voters. The friends of the negro will have the support of The Liberator, no matter what political party nominates them for office. Hon. Ben E. Ward treated the negroes fairly, for this the Republican machine tried to defeat him. The little self-seeking gang that have sold the Afro-American League also tried to defeat Mr. Ward, in spite of his friendship to the race. The oft-repeated statement that Roosevelt hated negroes has been proven to be the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

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Nearly every colored family in the city has taken Roosevelt's picture down. Teddy's picture has disappeared from the walls of all negro business places, and others have turned his face to the wall with "Roosevelt" written across the back.

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The Chicago Republicans nominated Hon. T. L. Barnett for police judge to get the negro vote and scratched him to a man on the election day. Having failed to defeat him, asked him to resign. On his refusal to betray his race as they had done, counted him out and gave his seat to a Democrat. There is not a case on record where the Democrats have been guilty of such base treachery. A little more of that kind of "dope" coupled with Roosevelt's square deal for negro soldiers, will teach the negro some sense.

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President Roosevelt, by punishing the innocent with the guilty colored soldiers dismissed from the army, has fully endorsed the mob's methods. His "Door of Hope" and "Square Deal," and Booker Washington dinner were merely the tricks of the office seeker.

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Capt. C. Hance, non-partisan candidate for City Treasurer, is no stranger to the voters. He served the city as clerk several terms so satisfactorily that, although Democratic nominee, he beat his Republican opponent by a handsome plurality each time. Vote for him.

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